importance of making every effort for the speedy disposa of petitions.

SUBJECT No. 104.

Amildars in the malnad taluks of the Shimoga District to be permitted to grant building sites not exceeding 20 guntas out of *gomal* land.

Messrs. C. Vaman Rao and N. Subba Rao, Nagar Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—In the malnad taluks of the Shimoga District, *shikmidars* are compelled to construct fresh dwellings at short intervals. The malnad villages do not consist of a collected group of houses as in the maidan tracts. When houses are constructed on *gomal* lands without previous sanction, *jamabandi* officers occasionally permit the occupation directing that the lands so occupied should be given up when required by Government. An alienation of the *gomal* land can be had only after much correspondence and delay. As all unoccupied land in the malnad has been treated as *gomal* land, no inconvenience for the grazing of cattle is caused if a ryot is permitted to construct a house for his residence on the *gomal* land adjacent to his cultivated land. It is therefore prayed that Amildars of the malnad taluks in the Shimoga District may be empowered to grant on their own authority 20 guntas of *gomal* land for house-building.

*Reply of Government.*—There is already a Government order on the subject of house sites in the malnad If the procedure therein sanctioned is found inconvenient the matter will be further considered.

SUBJECT No. 105.

Empowering Deputy Commissioners to dispose of applications for *gomal* lands.

Messrs. Lingegowda, Mysore District Board; Ramanujaiengar, Kunigal Taluk; and Adeppa, Tumkur Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—Deputy Commissioners may be empowered to dispose of applications for *gomal* lands for cultivation. The present practice of referring such questions to the Revenue Commissioner causes delay. Even when the villagers have no objection there is great delay in the grant of the lands. In Nagavala in the Mysore Taluk, although the grant of 56 acres was sanctioned in the year 1906, effect has not been given to the order as yet.

*Reply of Government.*—A distinction is made in the principles adopted in the grant of *gomal* lands between the maidan and in the malnad. In the malnad they are generally in excess of requirements and Deputy Commissioners have been given the discretion to grant them for cultivation in anticipation of Government sanction (Government Order No. 11848-57—Cir. 244, dated the 25th January 1891). Permission to build houses thereon is also freely given. In the maidan great caution is necessary in the grant of *gomal* lands for cultivation and it was directed that all such cases should come up before Government (Government Order No. 3442-50—Cir. 60, dated the 10th July 1899). But this power has since been delegated to the Revenue Commissioner and no further modification seems necessary.